

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Please amend claims 1, 9, 10 and 11 as follows:

1. (currently amended): A multilayer elastomeric material comprising:
at least two **outermost elastomeric** ~~outer~~ barrier layers L_1 and L_3 , respectively having a breaking stress σ_1 and σ_3 , ~~and~~ a thickness e_1 and e_3 , **and an elastic constant E_1 and E_3** , enclosing
at least one intermediate layer L_2 consisting of an elastomeric matrix comprising at least one dispersion of droplets of at least one composition containing at least one active substance, the intermediate layer L_2 having a breaking stress σ_{2Tot} , ~~and~~ a thickness e_2 , **and an elastic constant E_2** ,

wherein the mean diameter of the droplets is at least 10 μm and that the material satisfies the following double inequality (I):

$$(\sigma_{2Tot} \cdot e_2) < (\sigma_1 \cdot e_1) \text{ and } (\sigma_{2Tot} \cdot e_2) < (\sigma_3 \cdot e_3) \quad (I)$$

in which:

σ_{2Tot} represents the breaking stress of the charged elastomeric material constituting the layer L_2 , and

σ_1 , σ_3 , e_1 , e_2 and e_3 are as defined above.

2. (previously presented): The material according to Claim 1, wherein the product $(\sigma_{2Tot} \cdot e_2)$ corresponds to the following double condition (II):

$$(\sigma_{2Tot} \cdot e_2) \leq (\sigma_1 \cdot e_1)/2 \text{ and } (\sigma_{2Tot} \cdot e_2) \leq (\sigma_3 \cdot e_3)/2 \quad (II)$$

in which σ_1 , σ_{2Tot} , σ_3 , e_1 , e_2 and e_3 are as defined in Claim 1.

3. (previously presented): The material according to Claim 1, wherein the breaking stresses σ_1 , σ_2 and σ_3 of each of the layers of the material, which may be identical or different, range between 0.1 and 100 MPa.

4. (previously presented): The material according to Claim 1, wherein the thicknesses e_1 , e_2 and e_3 of each of the layers of the material, which may be identical or different, range between 25 and 500 μm .

5. (previously presented): The material according to Claim 1, wherein the mean diameter of the droplets is between 10 and 100 μm .

6. (previously presented): The material according to Claim 1, wherein the elastic constant, E_2 , of the constituent material of the intermediate layer L_2 is greater than each of the elastic constants, E_1 and E_3 , of the barrier layers L_1 and L_3 , respectively.

7. (previously presented): The material according to Claim 6, wherein the elastic constants E_1 , E_2 and E_3 of each of the layers L_1 , L_2 and L_3 , respectively, are between 0.1 and 50 MPa, and the values of E_1 and E_3 being identical or different.

8. (previously presented): The material according to Claim 7, wherein the elastic constants of the layers L_1 and L_3 , which may be identical or different, are between 0.1 and 10 MPa and the elastic constant of the layer L_2 is between 0.5 and 50 MPa.

9. (currently amended): The material according to Claim 1, wherein the elastomer(s) constituting the outer barrier layers L_1 and L_3 and also the intermediate layer L_2 are chosen from natural rubber, polybutadiene, polyisoprene, polychloroprene, polyurethane, acrylic polymers or copolymers, silicone elastomers, SBR (*Styrene Butadiene Rubber*) copolymers, **SBS (*Styrene Butadiene Styrene*) copolymers**, SEBS (*Styrene Ethylene Butylene Styrene*) copolymers, **isobutene-isoprene copolymers**, **NBR (*Nitrile Butadiene Rubber*) copolymers**, **x-NBR**

(carboxylated Nitrile Butadiene Rubber) copolymers, SIS (Styrene Isoprene Styrene) copolymers and blends thereof.

10. (currently amended): The material according to Claim 9, wherein the elastomers are chosen from SIS (~~Styrene Isoprene Styrene~~) and SEBS.

11. (currently amended): The material according to Claim 1, wherein at least one of the barrier layers L₁ and L₃, and optionally ~~and/or~~ the intermediate layer L₂, also contains one or more plasticizer(s) or flexibilizer(s).

12. (previously presented): The material according to Claim 11, wherein the plasticizer(s) represent(s) from 5 to 500 parts per 100 parts of elastomer constituting the layer in which they are present.

13. (previously presented): The material according to Claim 1, wherein each layer L₁ or L₃ results from the superposition of two or more sublayers of equivalent or non-equivalent chemical nature.

14. (previously presented): The material according to Claim 1, wherein the active chemical substance is chosen from anticorrosion agents, lubricants, chemical markers, phase-change products, energetic-particle (radiation) decelerators, agents with disinfecting power, odoriferous agents or moisturizers, dyes for detecting cuts, metallic particles, and mixtures thereof.

15. (previously presented): The material according to Claim 14, wherein the active chemical substance is chosen from biocides, biguanides, phthalaldehyde, phenolic derivatives, formaldehyde, nonionic surfactants comprising at least one polyoxyethylene sequence, hexamidine, iodinated polyvinylpyrrolidone compounds, nonionic surfactants with virucidal activity, sodium and potassium dichromates and hypochlorites, and mixtures thereof.

16. (previously presented): The material according to Claim 1, wherein the composition in the form of droplets also contains one or more diluents for dissolving the active chemical substance(s).

17. (previously presented): The material according to Claim 1, wherein the dispersion of droplets is in liquid or gelled form or contains crystalline parts.

18. (previously presented): The material according to Claim 1, wherein the intermediate layer L₂ is formed from a superposition of two or more intermediate sublayers each comprising a dispersion of droplets, the nature of the active substances contained in each of the sublayers being identical or different from one sublayer to another.

19. (previously presented): The material according to Claim 1, wherein the intermediate layer L₂ is formed by a single layer containing a dispersion of droplets containing active chemical substances that are different from one droplet to another.

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23. (previously presented): A glove, comprising the elastomeric material of claim 1.

24. (previously presented): A finger stall, comprising the elastomeric material of claim 1.

25. (previously presented): A condom, comprising the elastomeric material of claim 1.

26. (previously presented): A tape, comprising the elastomeric material of claim 1.

27. (previously presented); A dressing, comprising the elastomeric material of claim 1.